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SUBJECT: OAU DELEGATION TO SUPPORT MOZAMBIQUE AT SECURITY COUNCIL

REF: USUN 2047 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MZAMBIQUE ADOPTED JUNE 25 BY OAU CM APPEARS TO SANCTION NON-AFRICAN AID IN MILITARY FIELD. OAU DELEGATION LEAVING TODAY TO BACK GOM APPEAL TO UNSC. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER FIVE HOUR DEBATE JUNE 25, OAU MINISTERIAL APPROVED NIGERIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MOZAMBIQUE (AS AMENDED BY IVORY COAST, SIERRA LEONE AND LIBYA) WHICH (A) STRONGLY CONDEMNNS RHODESIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE WITH SOUTH AFRICAN COLLUSION; (B) URGES ALL OAU MEMBER STATES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO MZAMBIQUE, PARTICULARLY MILITARY ASSISTANCE; (C) REITERATES LAST YEAR'S OAU DECISION AT MAURITIUS THAT NAY ATTACK ON FRONT LINE STATES CONSIDERED ATTACK ON ALL INDEPENDENT AFRICA; (D) APPEALS
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TO ALL UN MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENTS TO GIVE ALL IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE TO PERMIT IT TO DEFEND ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY; (E) COMMENDS ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS FOR INTENSIFYING LIBERATION STURGGLE; (F) CALLS ON UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS, PARTICULARLY THOSE UNDER CHAPTER 7 OF UN CHARTER,

INCLUDING STEPS TO IMPROVE MILITARY CAPABILITY OF MOZAMBIQUE; AND (G) CALLS FOR OAU DELEGATION CONSISTING OF OAU SECRETARIAT MEMBER AND FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ALGERIA, NIGERIA, LESOTHO, TANZANIA AND GABON TO PROCEED TO NEW YORK TO SUPPORT MOZAMBIQUE VICE PRESIDENT AND OTHER FRONT LINE FOREIGN MINISTERS AT SECURITY COUNCIL. DELEGATION LEAVING LIBREVILLE JUNE 26.

2. OAU HAS SENT TELEGRAM TO UNSC EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR URGENT MEETING AND ASKING THAT OAU RESOLUTION BE PUBLISHED AS OFFICIAL SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT.

3. IN ADDITION TO RESOLUTION, OAU ESTABLISHING SOLIDARITY FUND TO AID MOZAMBIQUE WITH DETAILS OF FUND STILL TO BE DECIDED. OAU DEFENSE COMMISSION TO MEET "URGENTLY" TO DECIDE WHAT KIND OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE CAN BE GIVEN TO MOZAMBIQUE. IF IT NOT POSSIBLE FOR DEFENSE COMMISSION TO MEET AT LIBREVILLE, SMALL COMMITTEE TO BE SET UP HERE TO RESOLVE PROBLEM. (DEFENSE COMMISSION IS COMPOSED OF ALL OAU MEMBERS AND PRESENTLY CHAIRED BY GUINEA.)

4. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS, OAU ASSTSEC GEN ONU REPEATED STOCK OAU POSITION THAT OAU DOES NOT OBJECT TO US/UK EFFORTS TO RESOLVE RHODESIAN QUESTION BUT BELIEVES ARMED STRUGGLE ONLY EFFECTIVE WAY TO
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RESOLVE PROBLEM. ONU DID NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT NOT ALL AFRICAN STATES BELIEVED ARMED STRUGGLE TO BE ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE.

5. COMMENT : SECTION OF RESOLUTION CALLING ON ALL UN MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENTS TO GIVE ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE APPEARS TO PROVIDE OAU BLESSING TO CUBAN AND OTHER NON-AFRICAN ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE. OAU DEFENSE COMMISSION UNLIKELY TO DO ANYTHING SUBSTANTIVE RE ASSISTING MOZAMBIQUE MILITARY CAPABILITY. MEANWHILE, ABSENCE OF NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS, INCLUDING GABONESE CHAIRMAN, WILL FURTHER CONFUSE PROCEEDINGS OF MINISTERIAL. STEIGMAN

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